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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
Washington

17 April 1951

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Dear Smith:

Your memorandum of 5 February, based on a request from Senator McMahon, suggests that the Weapons Systems Evaluation Group participate with the Central Intelligence Agency in preparing a comprehensive estimate on Soviet capabilities "to impair, prevent, or frustrate the delivery of atomic weapons to targets inside the USSR". The subject has been considered by the Joint Chiefs of Staff in the light of a related memorandum from Senator McMahon requesting certain information concerning our atomic weapons, our ability to deliver them, the selection of targets, our atomic missile development, and other details.

I understand that the Joint Chiefs of Staff agencies have been working on appropriate studies and estimates on these two related requests. The preparation of both estimates involves a detailed examination of current United States war plans, and an analysis of our capabilities to carry out such war plans.

It is the opinion of the Joint Chiefs, in which I concur, that the dangers inherent in dissemination of information on the first subject are equally as compelling as those on the second, and fall within the scope of my letter of 2 April to Senator McMahon. (copy attached)

On the basis of the foregoing, I do not believe it feasible to authorize Department of Defense participation in the project requested by Senator McMahon.

Faithfully yours,

s/G. C. Marshall

General W. B. Smith
Director, Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C.

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